



Summer 2024 Attendance Newsletter

Moments matter, attendance counts

Welcome to the first edition of St Mary's Attendance Newsletter.

As part of our commitment to providing children with the best possible education, experiences and outcomes we regularly monitor children's attendance. Excellent attendance is essential for children to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, well-being and sets a good example for secondary school.

Research shows that excellent school attendance will support children's learning and progress. It is for this reason that we want all of our students to aim for 100% attendance at school. We understand that children can become ill at times and so expect 97% as a minimum target.

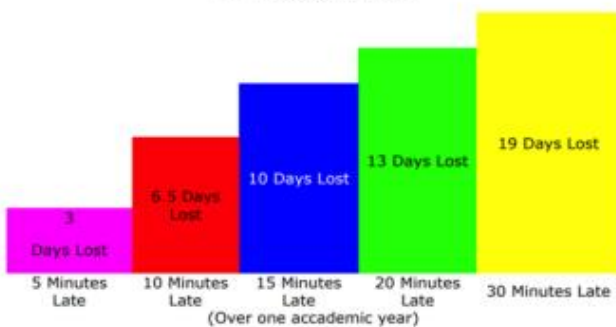
We are here to support you and your child in achieving the best attendance possible. We will contact you if we have concerns about your child's attendance but please do contact cscarlett@stmarysnewman.co.uk if you have concerns.



Punctuality – Every moment matters

Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.



The school day starts at 8.40am for Key Stage one with doors opening at 8.37am. Arrival after this is marked as late. For Foundation Stage and Key Stage two the school day starts at 8.50am. For Key Stage two with doors opening at 8.47am. Arrival after this is marked as late. Please allow extra time for your journey in case there is unexpected traffic. Thank you for your continued support in working with us to help your child reach their full potential.

Absence reporting

You can report an absence by either:

- Phoning the school office 01782 234820
- Email office@stmarysnewman.co.uk

Before 9.30am, please give a reason for the absence including symptoms if ill.

There are two registration sessions in a school day so if your child feels better you can send them in later in the day – every lesson counts.

Is your child too ill for school?

Check the NHS guidance here: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

